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R. A. Falconer, LL.D.,
 President,
 University,
 Toronto.

Dear Dr. Falconer:

I don't know when your committee on Honourary Degrees will meet, but, when it does I would like to suggest to the Committee the name of Prof. Baker for the Degree. As well as I remember Prof. Baker has been engaged in academical work in the University since the Seventies, somewhere about 1873 or 1875, and, being now Dean of the Faculty of Arts after excellent service during all these years, is well entitled to the distinction. I am quite sure it would meet with general approval, not only in the Senate but amongst the graduates of the University generally amongst whom Prof. Baker has always been very popular.

I don't know whether the Committee think that the other two departments of Pedagogy and Forestry should be similarly honoured but from all I have heard from members of the Senate I would think that the heads of these departments, which are of comparatively recent organization, may well wait a while. Prof. Baker, as you know, has academic seniority, and I do not think that any comment would be excited if he were preferred to the heads of the other two departments.

Yours very truly,

John King

March 25th, 1914

John King, Esq.,
46 King Street West,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. King:

I have your letter this morning. I will be glad to bring up the name you mention at the Honorary Degrees' Committee, though it is a little unfortunate that he himself is a member of that committee. I have heard others say that they thought such an honour would be well received.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

